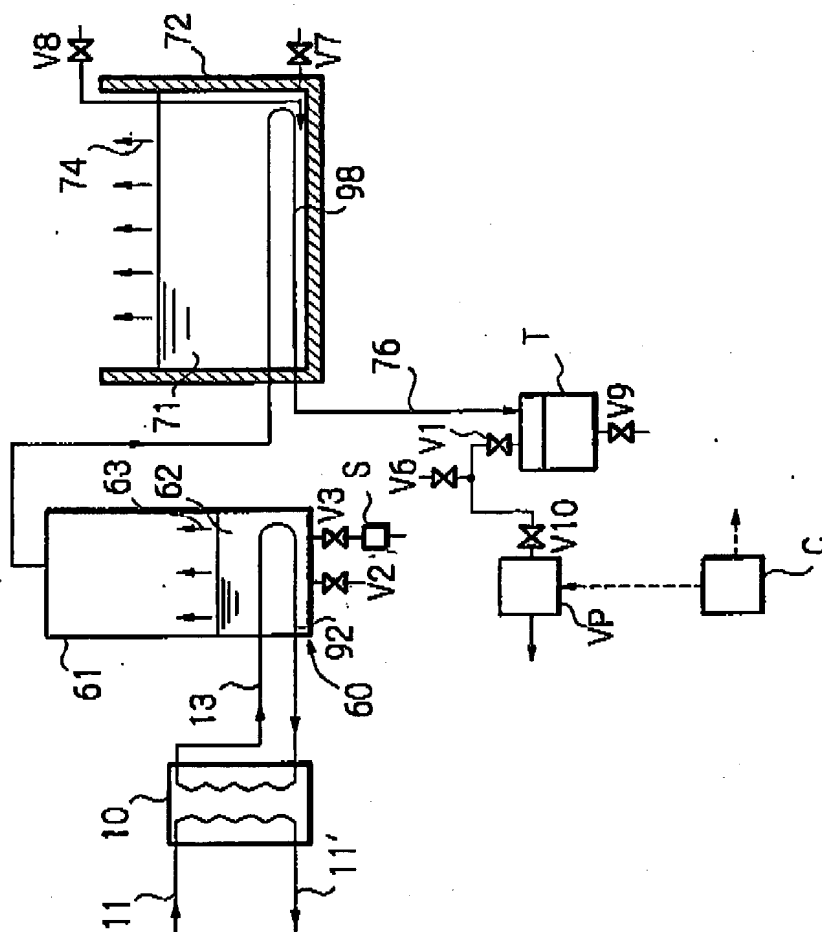


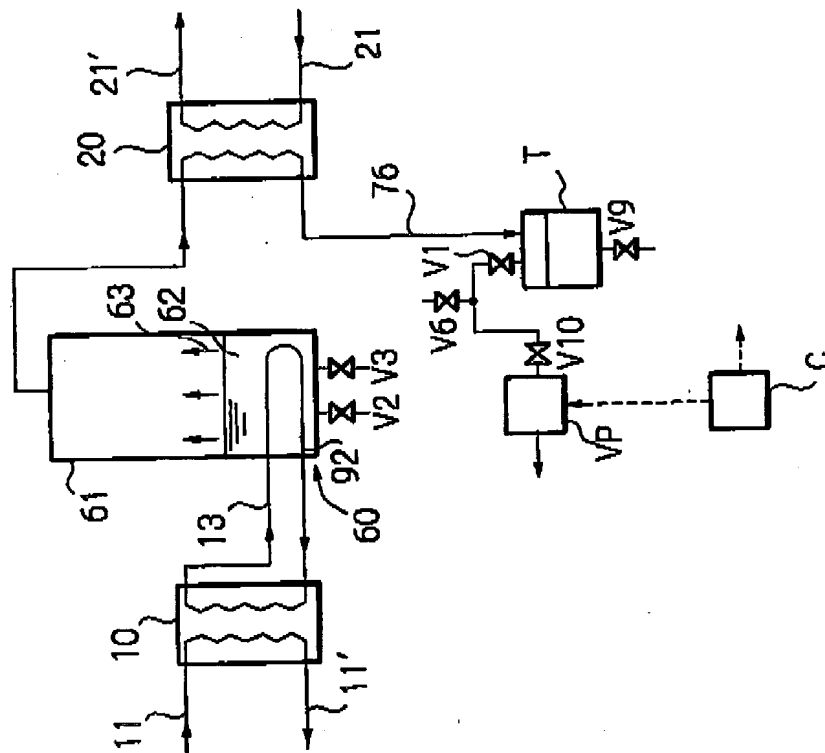
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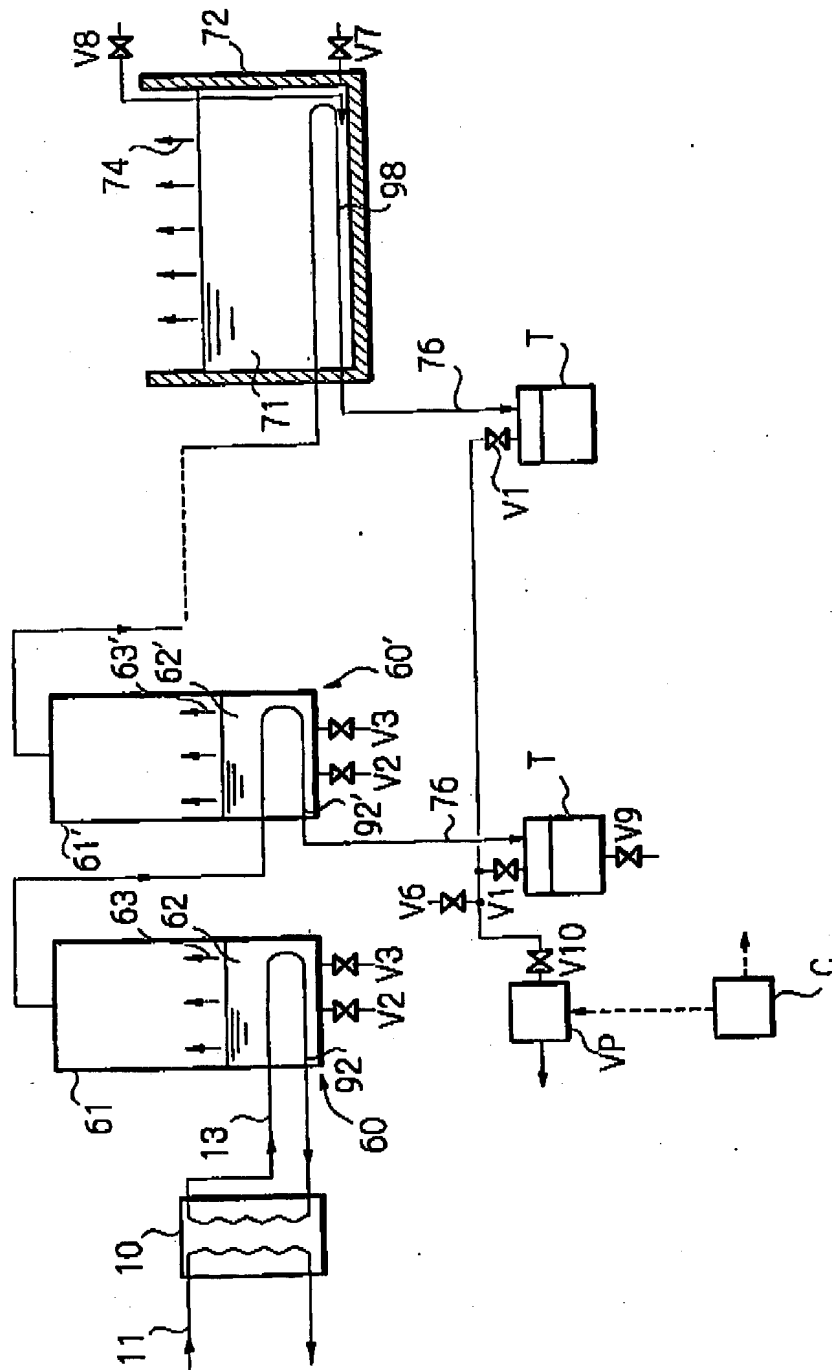
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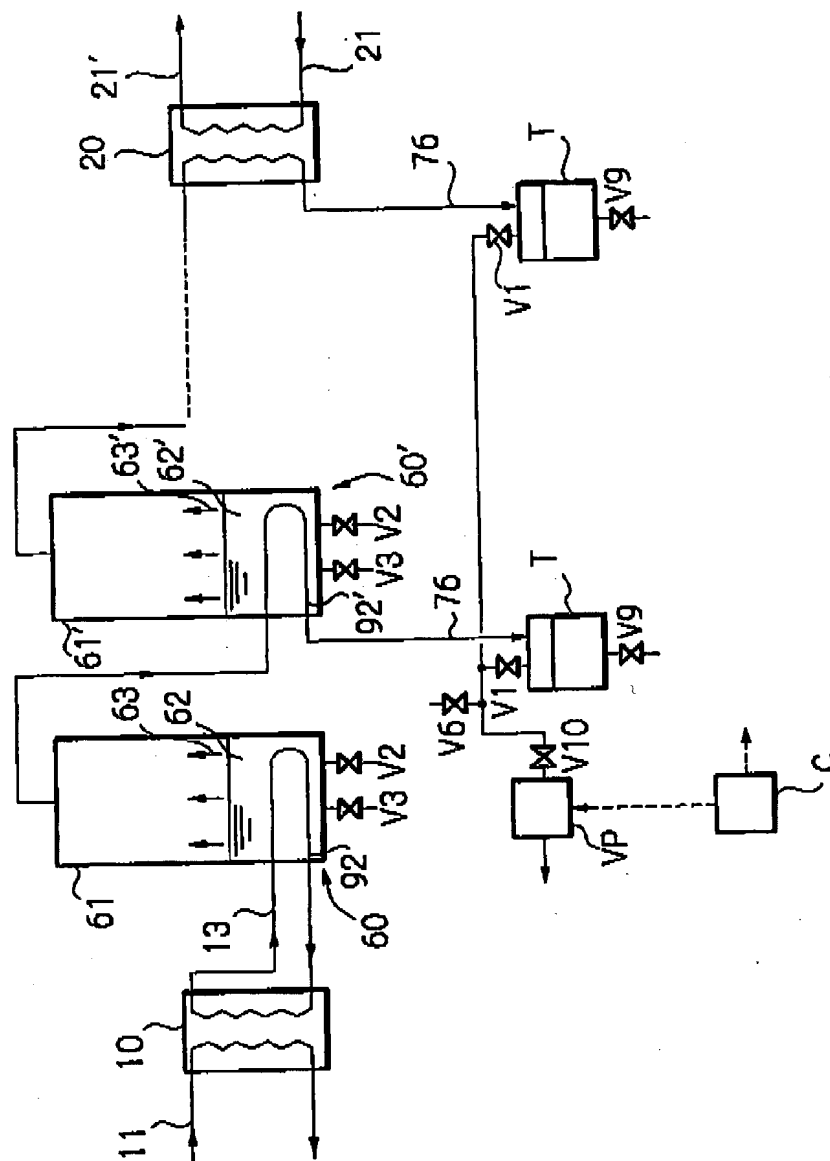
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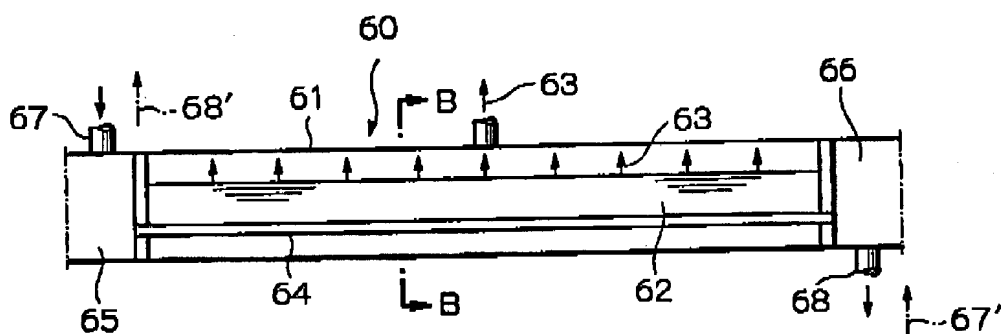
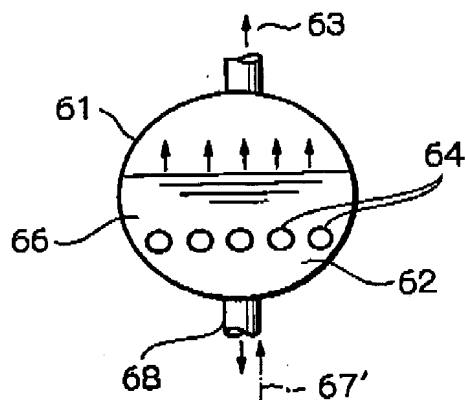


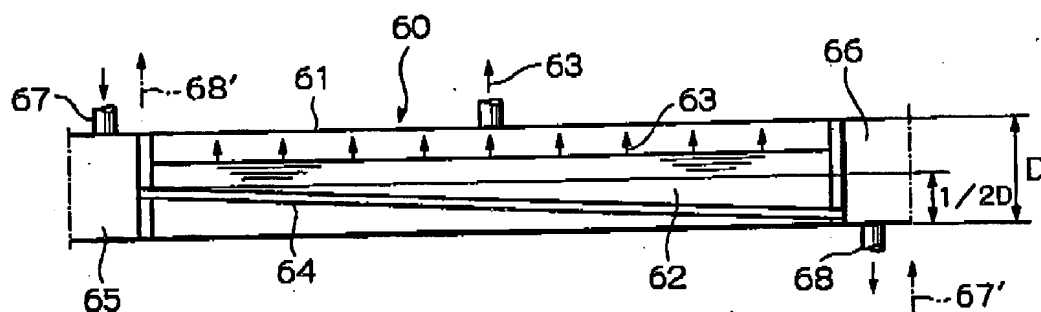
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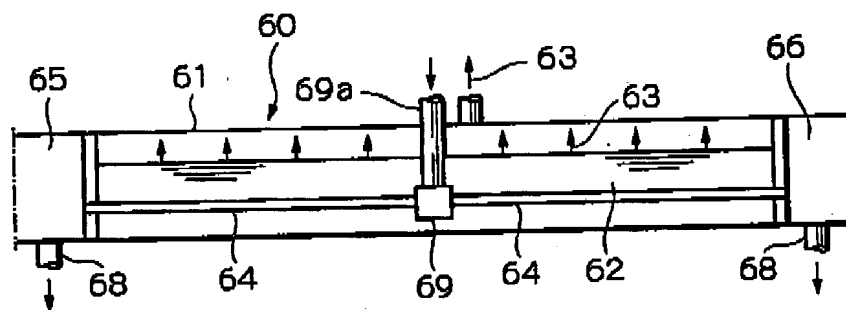
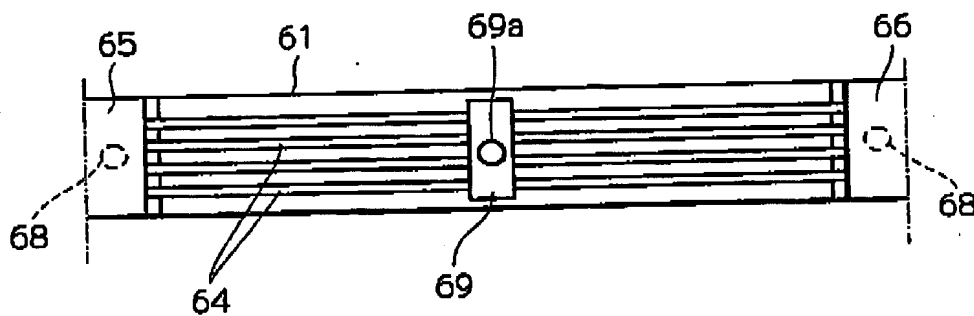
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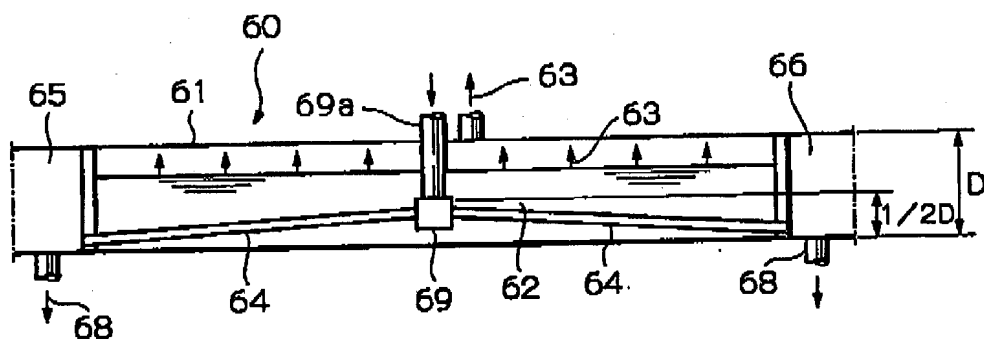


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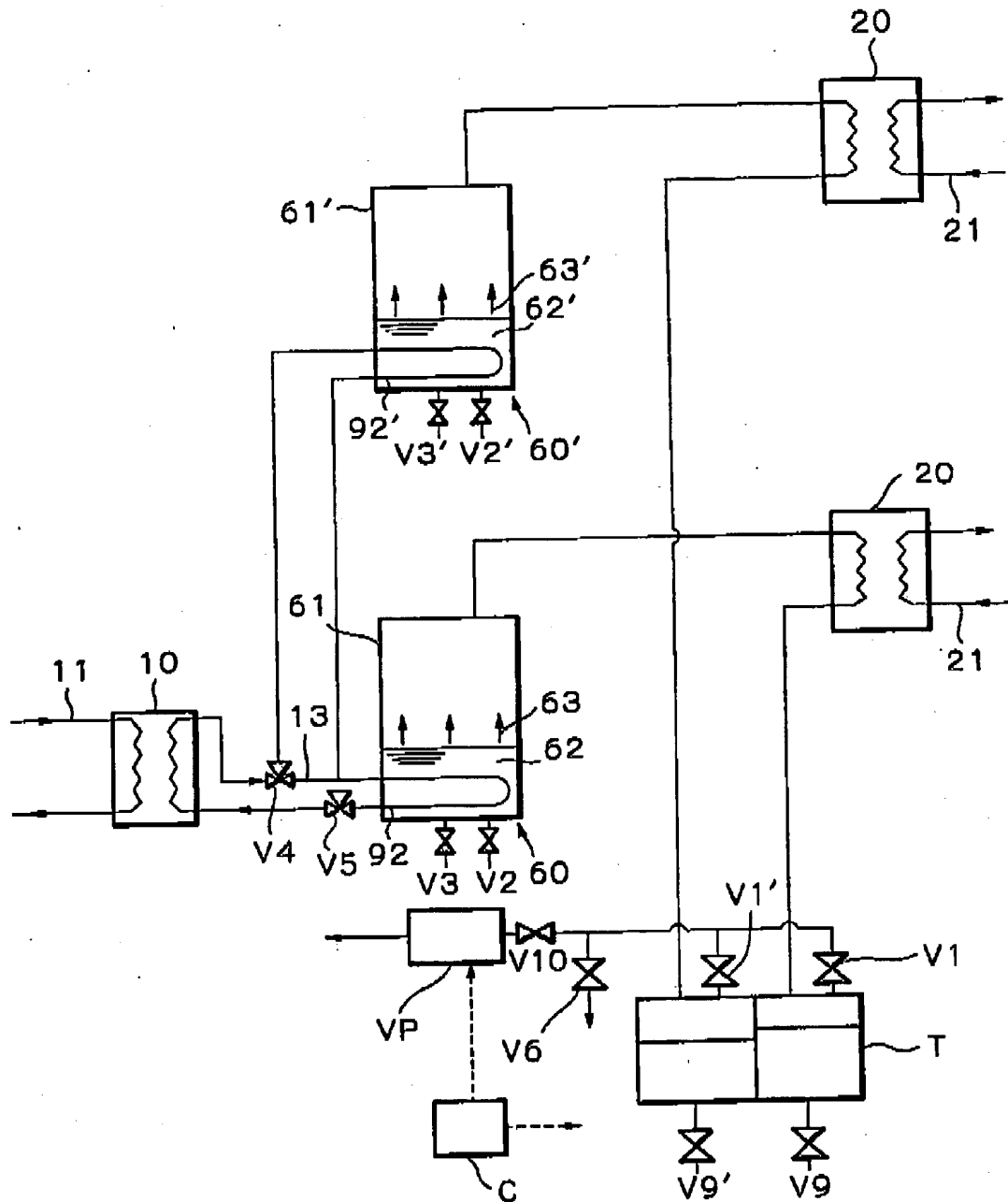
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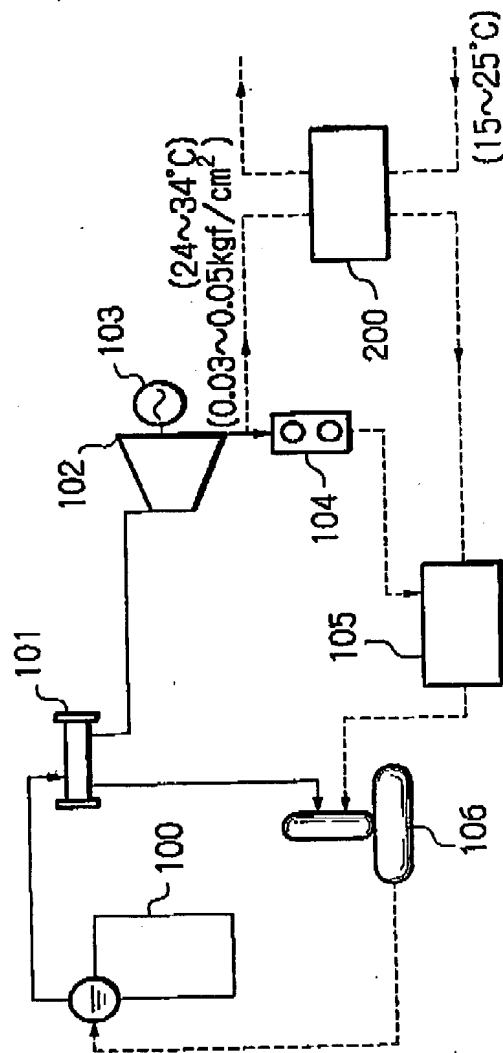
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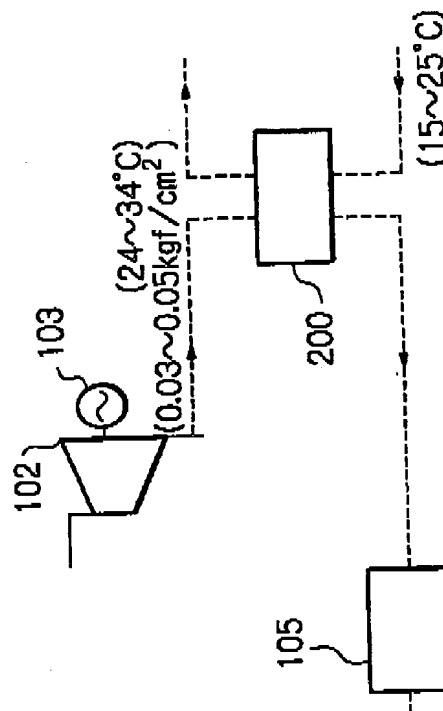
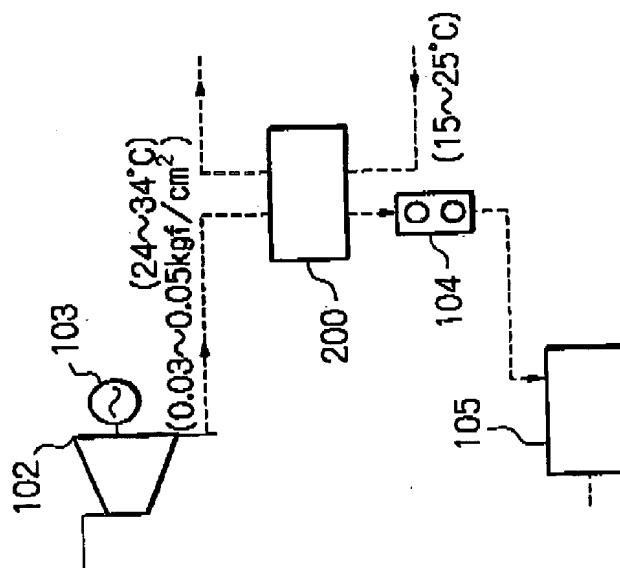
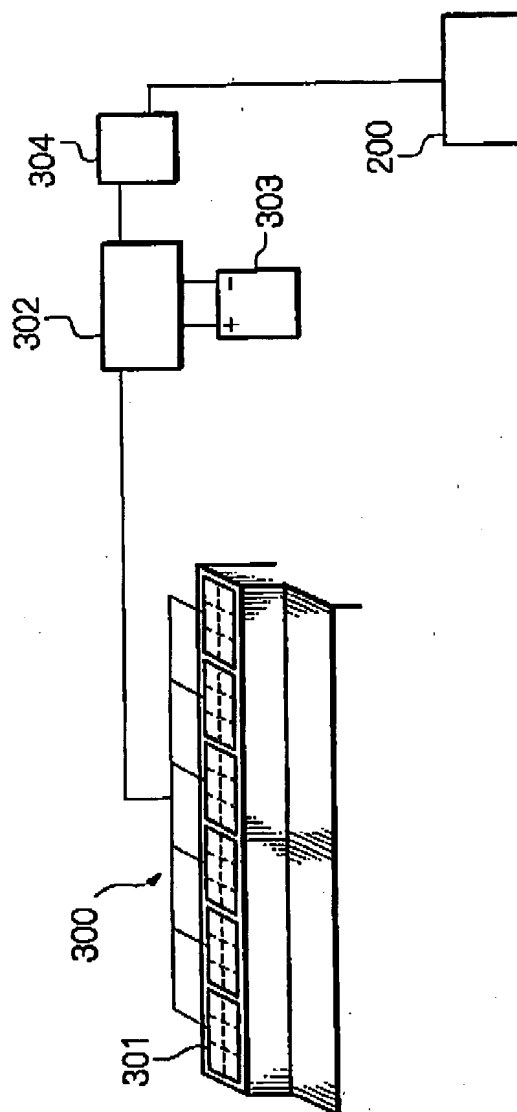


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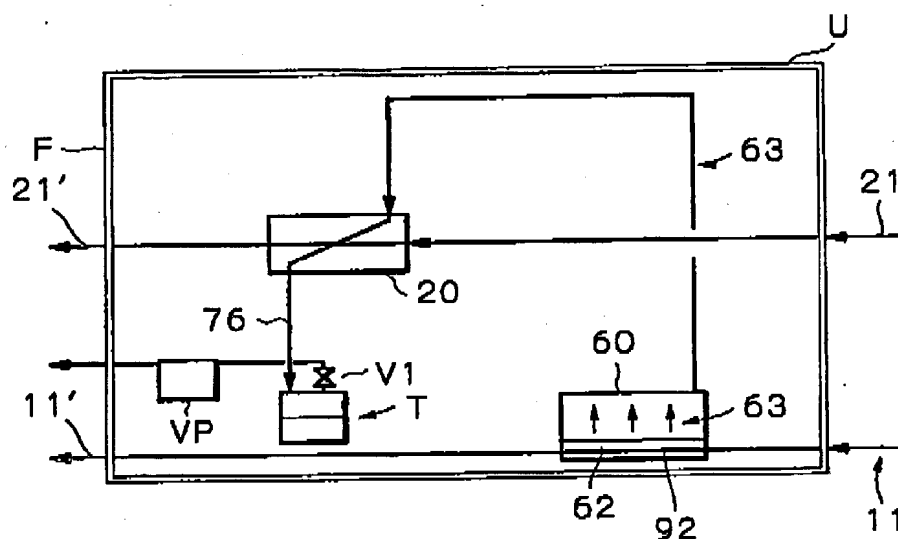
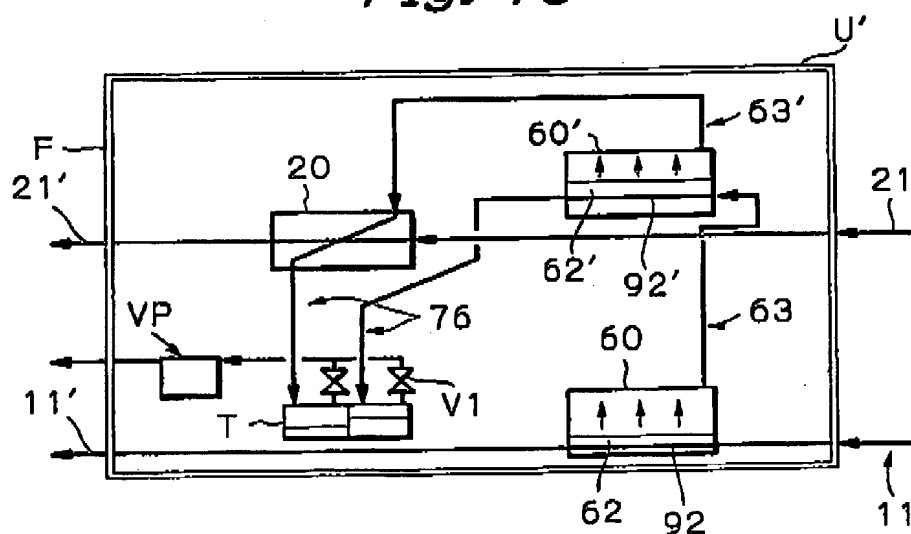


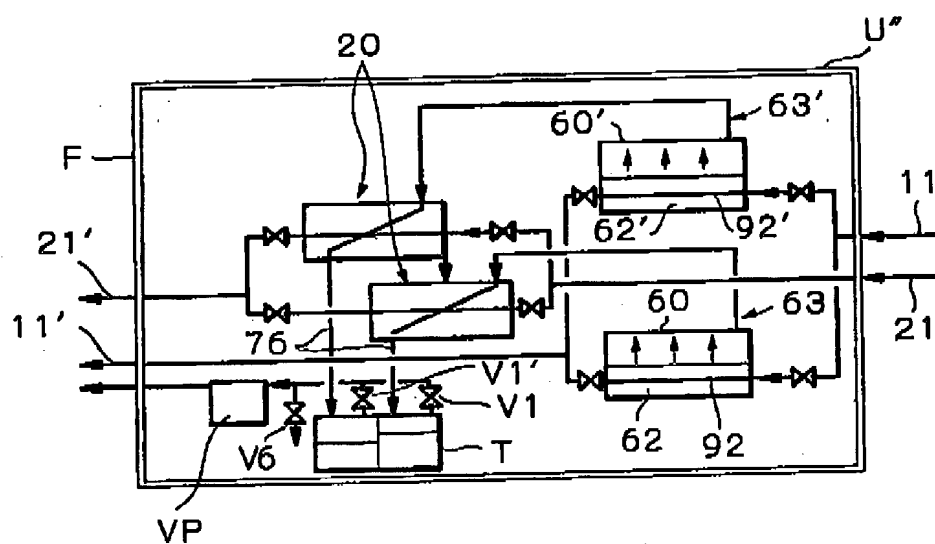
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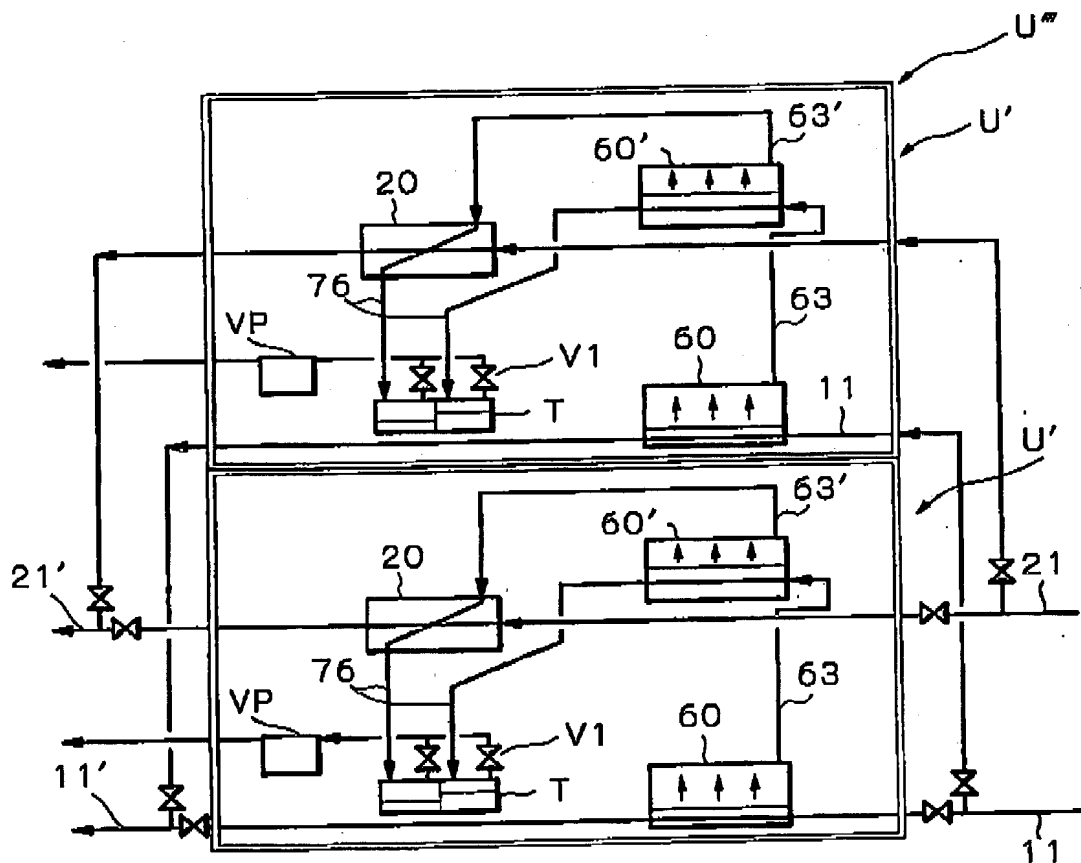
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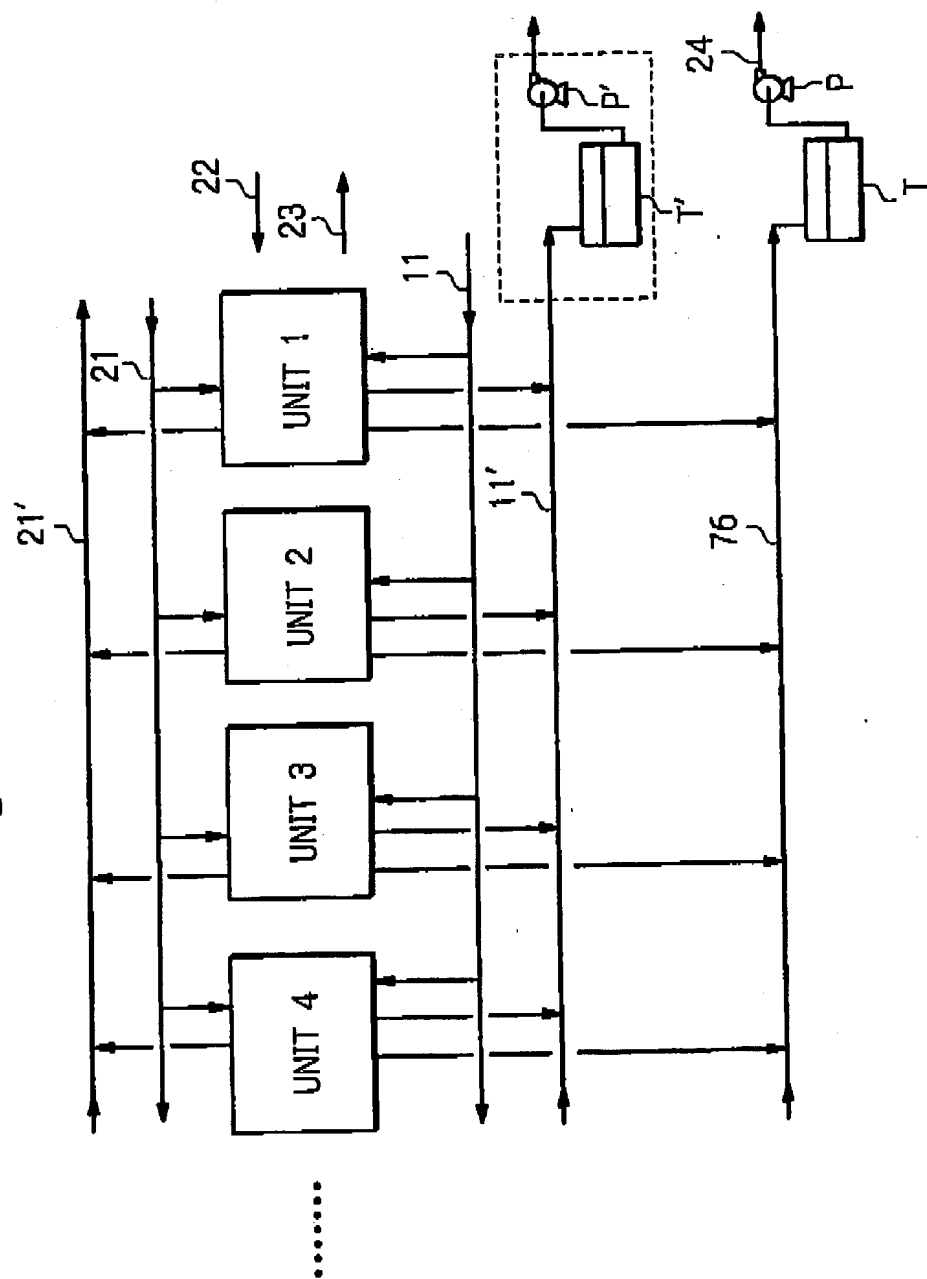
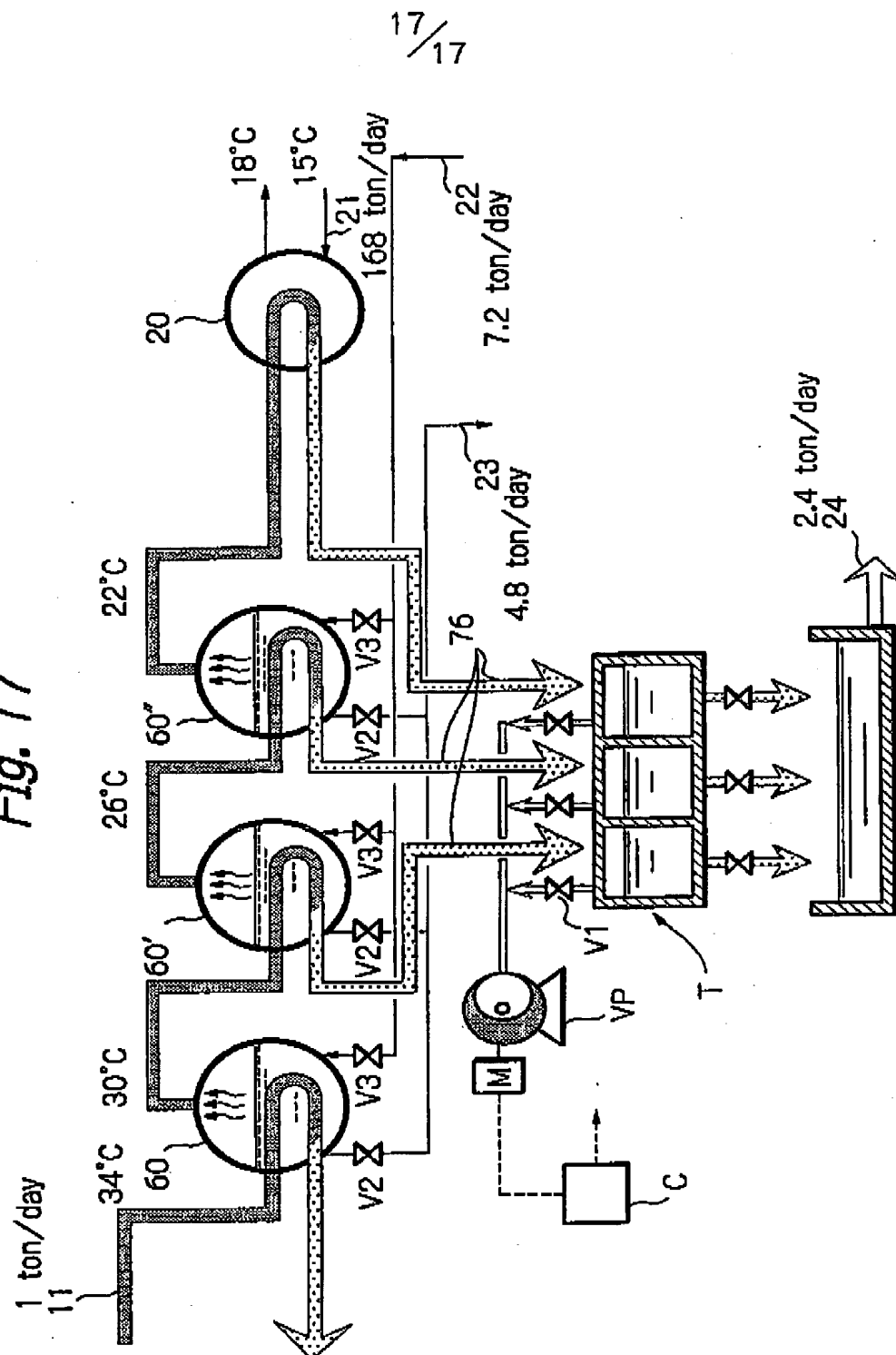


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for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 23, 26-28, 30-32, and 34-37 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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